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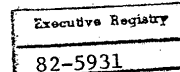
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SUBJECT: Computer Data Base Security

A number of US firms offer commercial subscription services to computerized data bases. These data bases contain a considerable amount of scientific and technical data. Some of these data bases are being or can be exploited by the Soviet Union or surrogates as a form of technology transfer.

We need to determine the extent of the problem and then decide if we need to establish a USG policy on access to these data bases. As a first step, a Working Group will be established to define the problem, assign study tasks and schedules, and consider contractor support. The Working Group will provide guidance and direction for a coordinated USG review of this issue. Among its goals will be the preparation of a report to:

-- List what data bases are accessible;

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- Detail what types of data are available, and their vulnerability, and;
- Provide policy recommendations, alternatives, and their cost.

The Working Group should submit a final report in about six months to the NSC Coordinating Committee on Technology Transfer.

Commerce will take the lead by chairing the Working Group.

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